

Indications.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—For East Gulf states: Warmer weather, variable winds, shifting to east and south, lower barometer. West Gulf states: Fair weather, followed in the west portion by local rains, winds generally from east to south. Warmer in the northern, stationary temperature in the southern portion except in the Lower Mississippi valley. Lower barometer.

THE CITY.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Brunswick: John Cunningham, San Antonio; J. P. Lovelady, Cleburne; R. B. Jones, Ranger; Dr. A. D. Wallace, San Saba; Thomas Bodeco, Denver; Col. Henry Adams, Cisco; O. H. Pardee, Harper's Ferry, Va.; J. C. Allison, Warsaw, Ky.; H. C. Shelby, Albany, Tex.; W. P. Jenks, Decatur; W. E. Miles, Sunset; Henry Ames, Evansville, Ind.; J. M. Batchelor, Dr. J. M. Conrad, Groesbeck; W. B. Craddock, St. Louis; J. L. Grissom, Tuscola; J. M. Burnett, E. M. Weaver, Colorado City; Oscar Jenks, Kansas City; W. B. Delaney, Chanute, Kan.; Prof. J. M. Carlisle, Whitesboro.

At the Pickwick: R. M. Turner, Balld; Dr. D. J. Wilson, Balld; J. C. Graves, Big Spring; Sam B. Irvine, Abilene; William Coffey, Gordon Randall, Dallas; G. M. Beaver, Alvarado; E. C. Suggs, Fort Worth; Nat Stanley, Birmingham; C. A. Hotchkiss, Dallas; J. P. Stuart, St. Louis; Dick Jackson, Waco; F. M. Houde, Hereford Ranch; J. B. Cresap, Waco; G. F. Martin, Little Rock; W. L. Evans, Dallas; J. P. Ramsey, Germania; Wm. Bower, agent Rag Baby; C. L. Ritchie, N. D. Barry, city; L. Longley, St. Louis; J. A. Reddick, Denison; W. W. Bomar, J. Hybarger, Gainesville; E. B. Smith and wife, Whitesboro; H. Hulen, Gainesville; J. H. Van Amburgh, Greenville; H. Mayer, Galveston; J. McMartin and wife, Fort Gilson, Miss.; M. H. Claybair, San Antonio; W. G. Armstrong and wife, Decatur; E. J. Hall, Temple; Tom Harvey, Galveston.

At the Mansion: H. R. Frye, Texarkana; E. A. Poffratts, Davis; Store; J. B. Ramsey, Longview; R. N. Hatcher, city; Alex. Hamilton, Cuero; J. E. Gardner and wife, Miss Gardner, Texas; Miss Maud Thompson, Miss Alice Thompson, Caldwell; H. Hopper, Galveston; J. L. Grissom, Tuscola; M. Schlosberg, Sol Kaufman, Sam Strauss, Cleburne; Ben Schiff, Cleburne; J. T. Ludwig, Wizard Oil; A. H. Harper, New Mexico; Wm. R. Houston, R. M. S. H. Wellge, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; O. H. McCrary, New Mexico; A. H. Johnson, City of Mexico; F. Bronson, Alexandria, Egypt; G. P. Weaver, city; Geo. W. Hunt, Lexington, Kentucky; J. M. Rorex, Montague, Texas; A. J. Jospoer, Hillsboro; W. B. Ford, Bowie; T. J. Katman, Decatur; B. Winfield, city; H. G. Myers and wife, Denver, Colo.; Henry Soap, Henrietta; Thomas F. Hughes, wife and son, J. F. McMurray, Gainesville; H. Skinner, Milford; W. J. Baker, C. F. McDonald, W. E. Mclester, Denton; John Wilkinson, Argyle; J. H. Payne, J. A. Kinnan, Denton.

At the Grand: John S. Malone, Dallas; A. J. Sande, New Mexico; Thomas Gillen, Texas; Henry Siler, J. J. Sims, Kansas.

PERSONAL.

J. H. Cobb of Decatur is in the city. Mr. Jos. B. Brown has gone to New Orleans for a business visit of eight or ten days.

O. P. Wood, a prominent merchant of Harrold, and his wife, are guests at Glencio's.

Miss Jeanie McGeehan, a charming young lady of Weatherford, is visiting the Misses Hallman.

Mr. S. G. Kuowilton is in from Plaque mine, La., to spend his Christmas vacation with his family in the Fort.

Mrs. Gemie Legate of Denison arrived in the city yesterday on a visit to her sisters, Mrs. Annie Jacobs and Mrs. Pettigrew.

Prof. J. H. VanAmburgh, superintendent of the Greenville public schools, was a pleasant caller at THE GAZETTE office last night.

Capt. Jack Elgin of Waco, formerly proprietor of the Waco Examiner, was in the city yesterday and spent a half an hour with friends on THE GAZETTE.

Hon. Daniel S. Printup of the firm of Printup Bros. & Co., bankers and warehousemen, and a prominent and efficient lawyer of Rome, Ga., and well-known in Eastern railroad circles, is in the city.

Judge J. D. Carville, formerly traveling for Joseph H. Brown, but now merchandising in Atlanta, and one of the jolliest, cleverest and best fellows in the wide, wide world, is in the city to remain a day or two.

Prof. J. M. Carlisle, the accomplished senior principal of the Whitesboro normal school, is here to attend the meeting of superintendents. He reports a flourishing school, with fine prospects for the next term.

S. L. Rice, formerly of Waco, was in the city yesterday on his way to Pecos, where he will engage in the furniture business with S. E. Peifrey. Mr. Rice is a live business man as is shown by his having bought a big bill of goods here.

Mr. William Bowers, the gentlemanly agent of "A Rag Baby," one of the finest comedies on the road, was a caller in THE GAZETTE sanctum last night. "A Rag Baby" has been a remarkable success everywhere. It will be presented here January 4 and 5.

Prof. E. B. Smith, whose marriage at Sherman yesterday is reported in our special from that city, and his lovely bride are guests at the Pickwick. Prof. Smith, though a young man, has already won laurels in his noble calling, and has helped to build up at Whitesboro one of the best schools in Texas. He is here to attend the meeting of school superintendents.

"Only a Farmer's Daughter" company goes southward this morning. Miss Blanche Carlisle, the star of the troupe, is a little woman who promises a brilliant theatrical career. Possessing all the vivaciousness and ambition of youth, beauty that connoisseurs must recognize and admire and unmistakable talent, her future cannot be otherwise than a flattering success.

ON THE STREET.

A number of our young society people will attend the fancy dress ball, given at Dallas, Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Idlewild club.

The Rev. Dr. Mitchell's lecture, which was postponed on account of unfavorable weather, will be given next Tuesday night, at the Fort Worth Presbyterian church. This lecture, upon "What Shall We Do With It," is by special request of

numbers of our citizens, and people who have heard Dr. Mitchell's preaching assure themselves that the theme will be ably and eloquently handled.

THEATRICAL.

The sale of seats for the opera commences at 10 o'clock this morning.

Numerous excursion parties are being made up in adjacent towns to visit the opera.

Nellie Boyd, in "Unknown," appears at the opera-house Thursday night. Seats on sale to-day.

New Quarters.

For many months the building occupied by the Pacific Express company, near the Union depot, has been insufficient to meet the demands of the extensive and ever-increasing business. On several occasions of late there was not room inside for the storage of goods. To-day the inadequate structure will be torn down and a new and better building be placed on the same site—a house more on a par with the clever and popular agent, Mr. George H. Shuttler, and his obliging corps of employees.

Mistletoe.

The Mistletoe ball, to be given at the opera-house December 30, promises to be a great success. There is a vacancy in the vice-presidency of the club, occasioned by the resignation of Mr. M. R. Sanguinet, who resigned his membership in the club about a week ago. Mr. E. C. Schneider, vice-president succeeds him and there is some speculation as to who will be elected to succeed Mr. Schneider. The club is in a prosperous condition, and will probably pass through another brilliant season of terpsichorean triumphs.

A Mad Milkman.

Johnnie Littlejohn woke up at an early hour yesterday morning. He felt so jolly he wanted to do something saucy. His Christmas headache had left him, and he dressed himself and went forth, although the sun had not yet chased the rosy fingered aurora from the east. A milk vendor, carrying his ante matutinal rounds, came rattling down Main street. "Hi!" yelled our friend, and the driver stopped. "My man," said Johnnie, "have you any cow fluid for sale this fine morning?" "Yes," "Well, real nice watered milk is a splendid beverage, isn't it? No, I don't want to buy any, thank you." Then he shut his ears and walked off very fast.

Emma Abbott's Farewell.

That crowded house will assemble to greet Emma Abbott on her farewell visit seems a foregone conclusion. The admiration of our local opera-goers for the Abbott company has been, if possible, increased by the brilliant performances that were given during the recent visit. These performances proved conclusively that the present company is the strongest Miss Abbott ever had. Her two tenors, Michelen and Montegriffo, are two of the greatest artists ever heard in Fort Worth, the "high C" of the latter especially being a phenomena. Pruette, the baritone, has a splendid voice, of unusual smoothness and cultivation. Broderick has fulfilled the early promise he gave of becoming a great basso. Little Annandale long since established her claim to the title of "Contralto Queen," and Laura Bellini is the most exquisite soprano and talented actress we have had here in a long time.

A JOYOUS TIME.

HOW CHRISTMAS WAS SPENT AT THE SWEDISH METHODIST CHURCH.

The members and friends of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal church had a most enjoyable Christmas tree celebration. The tree itself was a thing of rare beauty, surpassing in artistic design and execution anything of the kind in Fort Worth. Its lovely appearance was due to the skill and good taste of Mr. Egdol, the artist. The following programme was carried out:

1. Reading of the Scripture.
2. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Wahlberg pastor.
3. Song by Mr. Wahlberg, Mrs. Berquist, Miss Linn, Mr. Egdol.
4. Miss Linn delivered a beautiful recitation, which was highly applauded.
5. Little Eugene Jertson made an eloquent little speech.
6. A recitation by Harry Davis—well rendered.
7. A song by the choir, Mr. Wahlberg, Mrs. Berquist, Mr. Egdol, Miss Linn.
8. A sprightly dialogue between Manie Berquist and Emma Freedolph.
9. A recitation by Eddie Freedolph on "Small Boys."
10. A song by the children.

Prof. Peterson of the Wesleyan college was called upon to address the meeting, which he did in a brief but pleasing style.

To Mrs. John Berquist, Mrs. Freedolph, Misses Sophia Anderson, Emma Linn and Kerste Bengtson much credit is due for their energy in making the occasion a success. Great praise is also due Rev. Mr. Wahlberg and Mr. Egdol. Lastly, a discourse from Rev. Wahlberg to the eager children who gazed upon that grand tree loaded from top to bottom.

The presents given would be too numerous to mention, though the estimated value was about \$500.

HE QUIT HIS SHEEP.

THE SINGULAR FREAK OF A BOY WHO RAN AWAY FROM SCHOOL.

Among the arrivals at the Hotel Pickwick yesterday were J. S. Morell, Philadelphia, and Charles Bradley, California. The two were pointed out to a GAZETTE man. The former was a tall, fashionably dressed gentleman, with the unmistakable bearing of a metropolitan professional man. In fact he was a leading lawyer of the Quaker city. The other was a stout-built young fellow, of some two or three and twenty, dressed somewhat in the garb of a Texas cowboy. It was intimated to the reporter that the latter had a history, and having obtained an introduction, the newspaper man soon came in possession of the outline of the younger man's history, which contains enough of romance to form the basis of the most sensational story.

Seven years ago Bradley's father, who was a retired merchant of great wealth, living near Philadelphia, put the boy, then a lad of fifteen, at a boarding-school not far from home. The youngster either disliked pedagogic restraint or had a natural love of adventure, and resolved to run away. It was part of his scheme to keep his family in utter ignorance of his movements. Singularly enough he managed so well that no clew or trace of him was ever obtained for nearly seven years. His father spent money freely to discover him, but no agent ever got on the right track. He seemed as completely lost as Charley Ross, and as years went by his relatives gave up all hope of ever more seeing him.

Not long ago his father died, leaving an estate worth over \$200,000. Col. Morell, who was his intimate friend and legal adviser, concluded to resort once more to advertising for the missing one, though it had been done so long in vain. This time it won. A Los Angeles paper an-

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nouncing his father's death fell into his hands. He was working on a sheep ranch at the munificent stipend of \$15 a month and it occurred to him he had better abandon his flock and imitate the prodigal son. Accordingly he wrote to Mr. Morell, telling him who he was and intimating that he wouldn't mind getting his part of the estate. But little more is to be told. The lawyer went out to California, satisfied himself that Bradley was indeed the son of his dead friend, and they are now on their way to the home the youngster so mysteriously deserted because of his aversion to books.

A ROOSTER RACKET.

HOW AN IRISHMAN WALKED OFF WITH THE SPOILS.

There was a large crowd collected around the pit to watch the outcome of the fight. Though here and there were a few well-dressed men whom curiosity or a love of seeing the game birds indulge in deadly combat had induced to enter, the majority belonged to that element of society described with tolerable accuracy by the phrase "rough citizens." An Irishman who had imbibed enough to make him eager for a fray of some sort (he didn't care much whether the principals were chickens or men), was the central figure, and was talking in a loud key. He was a stranger in Fort Worth, but didn't propose to be done out of his money. He had made a bet with a party present and \$10 had been put up. He thought a bird would be furnished him, but found out that he had to produce his own cock—either this or forfeit the \$10 to the man who had his bird in hand and was ready for the battle.

This and much more from the son of Erin, but at length he agreed to what he denounced as a miserable outrage, and drawing forth a couple of dollars paid for about the shabbiest looking rooster in the collection. "Faith and hand me out the buzzard," quoth Pat; "I'll fight him against the pick of the lot." "Give me the grow," he howled, "and I'll make him whine any chicken in the house." They handed him out a sorry-looking specimen sure enough, an awkward, dirty-looking fowl that seemed to deserve the epithet its owner had just applied. The bystanders smiled and winked at each other, and several burst out into roars of laughter. The idea of Pat's buzzard figuring as a fighter seemed ridiculous, and two to one was freely offered with no takers. The conditions were that each man was to "heel and pit" his own cock. The Irishman's opponent was a shrewd fellow, a professional, and he didn't think Pat's hands were steady enough to adjust the gaffs properly. But he lost his guess on that, too. Finally they were put in the ring. The "buzzard's" enemy was a magnificent red bird, with a stately step and a record as a fighter. They rushed at each other savagely, and to the utter astonishment of the crowd the poor bird that had been derided by all proved to be a magnificent warrior. He was game to the core, and gave blow for blow with the savage earnestness of his species. Round after round was fought, and for a long time the result seemed doubtful, till at last the "buzzard" by a skillful thrust sent the cruel steel through the red's right eye, and his owner picked up a dead bird. And the hard-hearted crowd, with never a thought of pity for the suffering inflicted and never a touch of remorse for encouraging a brutal sport, laughed and yelled and congratulated Pat for the glorious but unexpected victory of his brave "buzzard."

MOULDERS OF MIND.

The State Superintendents to Meet in School Building No. 2 this Morning.

An Interesting Programme for To-Day—Arrangements for the Reception of Our Guests.

The convention in this city to-day of the school superintendents of Texas is an event of no mean importance as relating to the material welfare of the state. No better illustration could be offered of the marked progress which it has made in educational affairs than this assemblage itself. Out of the chaos of a few years ago has sprung a system which, however imperfect, possesses the crude principles of order, and the enlistment of the energies and talents of such a class of men as have charge of the leading school interests in the state to-day is a token of future development and progress that must distance all the accomplishments of the past. It is to pave the way for this great work that the present meeting has been called. Its deliberations, therefore, are not merely a matter of local and professional interest, but concern equally the people of every section of the state. Politicians may theorize and legislate, but it is at last to the practical teacher that the state must come for a solution of the educational problem.

To the members and visitors of the association Fort Worth extends its kindest greeting. To its hearths and hearts they are and ever will be welcome. Devoted to the most philanthropic of all professions, in which the highest success means the greatest promotion of the public

welfare, their presence would be an honor to any city. The self-sacrificing pioneers of a higher civilization, a city whose progress in this as well as in all other essential things is surpassed by none in the South, bids them welcome.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.
The association will meet at 10 a. m. in building No. 2, Belknap and Lamar.
1. Opening exercises, Prayer, Rev. A. A. Allison
2. Address of welcome, Hon. J. P. Smith
3. Response, Supt. J. E. Rogers
4. President's address, Supt. J. N. Gallager
5. Business.
6. Adjournment.

2:30 P. M.
1. Necessity of moral training in the public schools, Supt. F. Z. T. Jackson
2. General discussion.
3. Difference in Texas to higher education—its causes and remedies, Supt. Percy V. Penzbacker
4. General discussion.
5. Business.
6. Adjournment.

SOME DETAILS.
Visitors arriving up to 9:30 a. m. to-day will call at the office of the city superintendent, so that they may be assigned to their homes. After 9:30 o'clock arrivals are requested to make themselves known during the meeting at building No. 2.

Citizens who have kindly tendered their hospitalities, if they have any choice, are requested to be present, or designate by name those they wish to be their guests

PERSONALS.

The following is the location of some of the city's guests:

President of the association, Superintendent J. N. Gallager, Pickwick hotel.
Superintendent W. A. Banks, Mrs. Smith, 310 Lamar.
Superintendent J. E. Rodgers, Dr. J. R. Adams, 400 Lamar.

Principal V. L. Vesey and wife, Capt. Henry Edgington, 1022 Lamar.

Principal A. D. Wallace, No. 1, Brunswick.

Superintendent J. M. Carlisle, No. 12, Brunswick.

Superintendent W. M. Crow, Pickwick.

Superintendent Hughes of Gainesville.

Superintendent J. A. Van Amburgh of Greenville, Superintendent R. Stauberry of Dallas and Superintendent Bryan of East Dallas are in the city.

FOR THEIR ENTERTAINMENT.

The Mistletoe club will invite the association to attend its grand holiday hop at the opera-house Wednesday night. This is intended to be the social climax of 1885, and the presence of such a number of distinguished educators will add luster to the occasion.

It has been suggested, and the idea is an excellent one, that a mass-meeting be held at the opera-house, or some other appropriate place, Tuesday night, where our citizens might meet and hold friendly discussion with their guests.

AN INTERESTING DISCUSSION OF IMPORTANT SUBJECTS.

The public is cordially invited to attend the meetings of the association. The nature of the subjects and the character of the speakers insure an interesting discussion. Let all citizens of Fort Worth, who can, be present.

To the Voters of the Third Ward.

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